



## **DX bulletin 339**

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## **Latest news**

### **VP8PJ South Orkney 2020**

So far, all on schedule. Most of team arrived in Punta Arenas, Chile with the longest travel time being 40 hours: Perth, Australia => Sydney => Auckland => Santiago, Chile => Punta Arenas. Remainder of the team due on Wednesday. Braveheart expected in on Feb 13th or 14th, we load the ship on the 14th and depart for Signy Island on Feb 15th. Depending on the weather, 6 days travel time to the island.

### **E44CC Palestine DXpedition –update February 11**

Half of the DXpedition is over, it's time to make a first review. On the higher bands (except 10 and 12m), conditions are not that bad but don't behave like the simulations we did. It's particularly the case for regions like west coast US and South America. On the lower bands, we suffer from high noise level coming from our urban location. More receiving antennas were tested despite the small space available, such as a loop on the hotel roof and a BOG (Beverage On Ground) in the small hotel garden (picture below). Working 160m in a city environment is a challenge because the noise level is permanently above S9. Our biggest frustration is that we are heard without being able to hear you. Today, we lengthened the BOG again, but we won't be able to do more.

### **9J2LA Zambia –update**

Some good news have to be shared today. After an endless long process to get our Zambian license we are finally there. A big thanks to Mario 9J2MYT (IK1MYT) and Brian 9J2BO in Lusaka who helped us achieving this important goal. The license has been received just before this weekend. We are concentrating on our "boy scout trip" now. Our QTH in Zambia is secured, bus transportation from Lusaka airport to the lodge is booked and flight tickets are purchased. We are still working on customs clearance details, but we hope that we have it sorted out soon.

<https://dx-world.net/9j2la-zambia/>

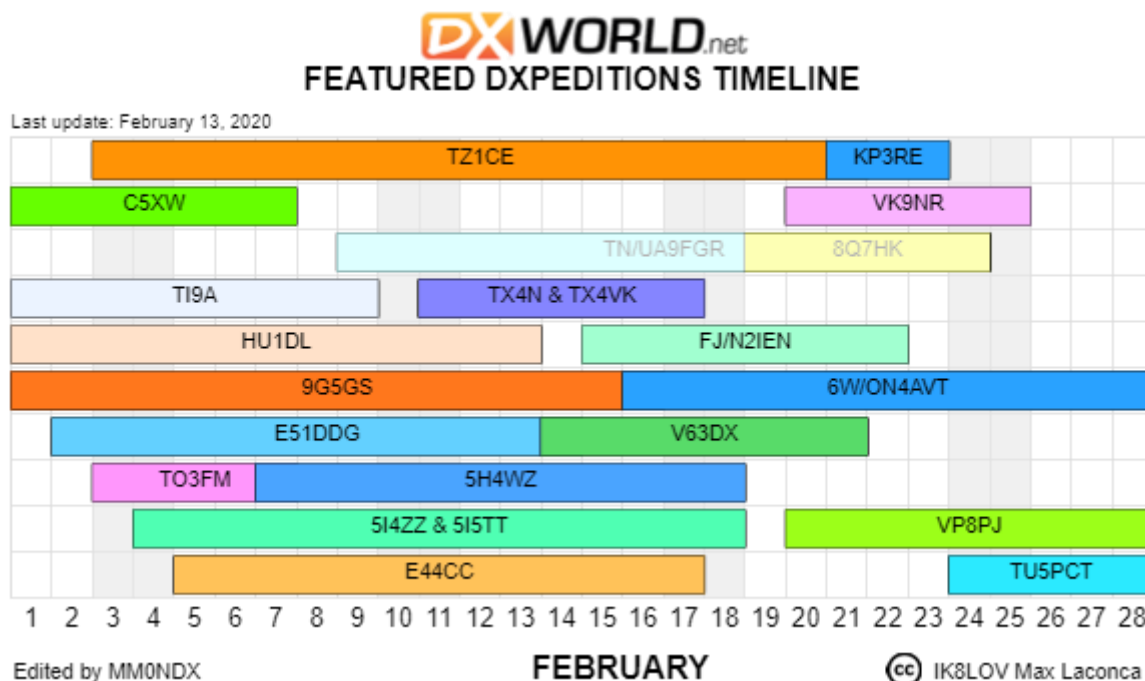
### **T30ET Tarawa Island –update by Alex 5B4ALX**

Alex, 5B4ALX informs DX-World that Air Solomon cancelled his return flight from Tarawa to Solomon then onto Brisbane due to a newly implemented weekly service. This now meant his scheduled departure had been brought forward to March 31 instead of April 2. After careful consideration, Alex has decided to prolong his activity and will now depart on April 7. This involves additional expenses of over \$1000, but also means more people have the chance to log **T30ET**. New schedule is March 18 to April 7, 2020.

### CY0C Sable Island DXpedition –update

Planning countdown has begun as we look forward to mid-October. It took a year and half to acquire a permit due to change in Administration and unique new requirements. We plan a significant size team which is full of challenges. One big matter is the charter aircraft required which will need to make two trips to get everyone, supplies, and equipment to the island. VERY EXPENSIVE! Of course we plan activity on standard bands, but also 60m, SAT, EME, FT8. There hasn't been any CW activity from Sable in seven years. <https://dx-world.net/sable-island-dxpedition-2020/>

## DXCC Timeline



## DXCC

### This week on HF

**3W, VIETNAM** Wolfgang, DL5MAE is QRV as 3W2MAE until February 20. Activity during his spare time from 80 to 10 meter. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**4S, SRI LANKA** Peter, DC0KK is active until March 30 as 4S7KKG on HF using CW and digi. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, Club Log, LoTW.

**5H, TANZANIA** The Italian DXpedition is operating until February 18 from Zanzibar Island. QRV as 5I5TT (CW, SSB and RTTY) and as 5I4ZZ (FT8, FT4) with 5 stations. QSL via I2YSB. <http://www.i2ysb.com/idx/>

**5Z, KENYA** Scott, WA5A is once again active from Ruaka as 5Z4/call until late March. Operation on 40, 20, 17 and 10 meter. QSL via home call.

**6Y, JAMAICA** Rob, N1TRK is operating in 'holiday-style' as 6Y/call until February 20. Activity on 40, 20, 17 and 10 meter using FT8 with some SSB. QSL via LoTW.

**6Y, JAMAICA** Neil, G0RNU is active as 6Y/call until February 17. Active on all bands.

**6W, SENEGAL** Willy, 6W7/ON4AVT will once again be active from Warang from mid-February until end March. Operation on 60, 40, 20 and 10 meter with a focus on FT8 and FT4. QSL via home call.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Hiro, JG1SXP will be operating as 8Q7HK from North Male Atoll between February 19 and February 24. QRV from 80 to 15 meter using CW, FT8 with some SSB. 160 meter might be possible. QSL via operators instructions.

**9G, GHANA** Matt, 9G5GS is once again QRV from Sanzule until February 26. Operation from 160 to 15 meter using mostly FT8 and SSB. QSL via IZ4YGS direct, LoTW.

**9J, ZAMBIA** Mario, IK1MYT is active from Lusaka as 9J2MYT until May. Activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via IZ3KVD, Club Log OQRS.

**9M2, WEST MALAYSIA** Rich, PA0RRS is QRV as 9M2MRS until February 27. Activity on HF using CW and digital modes. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

**9N, NEPAL** Yuris YL2GM and Eugene EA5EL are QRV as 9N7AM until February 16. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via YL2GM, Club Log OQRS, LoTW. <http://www.lral.lv/9n7am/>

**C5, THE GAMBIA** Andre, ON7YK is active from Bijilo until March as C5YK. Operation from 60 to 10 meter using FT8 with some SSB and CW. QSL via home call, LoTW. <http://www.on7yk.eu/>

**E4, PALESTINE** The F6KOP team is QRV from Palestine as E44CC until February 17. QSL via F5GSJ direct or bureau, LoTW and OQRS. <https://palestine2020.wordpress.com/>

**E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS** Don, VE7DS is active as E51DDG until February 14. Activity from 40 to 17 meter using CW. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**EA8, CANARY ISL** Erich, HB9FIH is operating as EA8/call from El Hierro until end March. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call bureau and LoTW. <http://hb9fih.org/>

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Jean-Pierre, F6ITD is active as TO7D until mid-March as FG/call. Activity on HF using SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

**FJ, ST BARTHELEMY** A team with N2IEN, WW2DX, W2RE and WW1X will be QRV as FJ/N2IEN (probably) from February 15 until February 22. Operation in 'holiday-style' on HF and 2 meter EME and perhaps SATs.

**FM, MARTINIQUE** Yuri, VE3DZ will be active as TO4A during the ARRL DX CW contest (February 15-16). QSL via home call, Club Log.

**FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA** Will AA4NC and Ron AA4VK are operating as TX4N and TX4VK until February 17. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included as TX4N. QSL via EA5GL, Club Log OQRS.

**FR, REUNION ISLAND** Roland, F8EN is operating as FR/call until March 19. Activity on HF using CW only. QSL via F6AJA, direct or bureau, logsearch on <http://lesnouvellesdx.fr/voirlogs.php>

**H4, SOLOMON ISLANDS** Bernard, DL2GAC is once again active as H44MS until April 20. QRV from his countryside QTH on Malaita Island. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**HK, COLOMBIA** Lothar, DK8LRF is operating as HK3JCL until end April from Finca Ligia. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**HR, HONDURAS** Gerard, F2JD is once again operating as HR5/call until April 4. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via F6AJA direct or bureau.

**HS, THAILAND** Lory, HB9DUS is operating as HS0ZKE from Bangkok until end February. Operation on HF using FT8 and CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**J8, GRENADINES** Dave, WJ2O is QRV as J8/call until February 20. Operation on HF using CW and FT8. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included. QSL via N2ZN.

**KH2, GUAM** Look for AH2R by NH2C and JR7OMD during the ARRL DX CW Contest (Febr 15-16). QSL via LoTW.

**KP2, VIRGIN ISL** Brian, ND3F is active as KP2/call until February 18. An entry in the ARRL contest is included. QSL via EA5GL.

**P4, ARUBA** John, W2GD is active as P44W until February 17. Operation with focus on 160, 30, 17 and 12 meter using mainly CW. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included. QSL via N2MM direct and LoTW.

**P4, ARUBA** Lee, K3DMG is operating as P4/call until end February. QRV from 160 to 121 meter using CW and digi. QSL via LoTW.

**PJ2, CURACAO** Thilo, DL9NBJ is once again QRV as PJ2/call until February 19. Activity on CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

**PJ4, BONAIRE** Scott, NE9U is once again QRV as PJ4/call until February 22. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included with NE9U, K1TO, K2NG and KK9K.

**PJ5, ST EUSTATIUS** Chuck, KG9N is QRV as PJ5/call until February 21. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest and CQ WPX RTTY contest is included. QSL via LoTW or via home call.

**PY0F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA** Andre, PP6ZZ is QRV as PY0FF until February 18. SL via W9VA, LoTW.

**TI, COSTA RICA** TI7/G3WPH (Mike), TI7/G4IRN (John) and TI7/KY7M (Lee) are QRV on all HF bands until February 17 and during the ARRL DX CW contest on February 15/16 as TI7W. QSL for TI7W is via W4FS. QSL for the TI/home-calls will be via LoTW only.

**TN, CONGO** Konstantin, UA9FGR is active from Brazzaville as TN/call until end February. Operation from 40 to 17 meter with maybe 50Mhz also. QSL via home call.

**TU, IVORY COAST** A team with Petr OK1BOA, Petr OK1FCJ and David OK6DJ are operating as TU5PCT until March 1. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via OK6DJ, LoTW and OQRS.

**TZ, MALI** Ulmar, DK1CE is operating as TZ1CE from Bamako until February 20. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

**V2, ANTIGUA** Alan, N3AD will be QRV as V26M during the ARRL CW contest (Febr 15-16). QSL via W3HNK.

**V3, BELIZE** Walt W0CP and Mary Kay K0ZV are active as V31DJ (CW) and V31DK (SSB and FT8) until February 24 from Placencia. Operation from 80 to 10 meter. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or via homecalls.

**V3, BELIZE** During the ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW (Febr 15-16) look for WC0W, K5PI, VE7KW, WC0T, NM0C, WW0G and AD0KH as V3T. QSL via WC0W.

**V3, BELIZE** Uwe, DL8UD is QRV as V31KO from Mayahill until February 20. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in ARRL CW contest as V3O is included. QSL via home call, bureau or direct.

**V3, BELIZE** Gerd DJ4KW and Gisela DK9GG are operating as V31YN and V31GW until end February. QRV from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via home calls, LoTW.

**V3, BELIZE** Robert, W0YBS is operating from Caye Caulker as V31CO until February 21. Activity on HF using CW, RTTY and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**V4, ST KITTS** Bill V4/W3WH and Larry V4/K3VX are active until February 19. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW and some SSB. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included.

**V4, ST KITTS** Andy, N2NT is QRV as V47T until February 17. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is his main goal. QSL via W2RQ.

**VK9N, NORFOLK ISLAND** Janusz, SP9FIH is QRV as VK9NK until April 12. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

**VP2M, MONTSEERRAT** Team VP2MSS will be QRV during the ARRL DX CW contest (February 15-16). QSL via K1QX and LoTW.

**VP2M, MONTSEERRAT** Ed, K1EP is QRV as VP2MEP until February 17. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and some FT8. QSL via home call direct and LoTW.

**VP5, TURKS & CAICOS** Bill AC0W and Pat K0PC are operating as VP5/calls until February 18. An entry in the ARRL DX contest is included as VP5K. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using mostly CW. QSL for VP5K via K0PC, the others via home call.

**VP8, SOUTH ORKNEY** After their successful VP6D Ducie Island 2018 DXpedition, the Perseverance DX Group is operating from South Orkney Islands as VP8PJ, currently Club Log #16 most wanted. Activity between February 20 and March 5. A team of experienced DX and Contest operators will operate from Signy Island for up to 15 days. Seven operating positions are planned for 160-10 meters, SSB/CW/Digital. The team includes: Dave K3EL, Les W2LK, Steve W1SRD, Ricardo PY2PT, Gene K5GS, Arliss W7XU, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR, Mike WA6O, Vadym UT6UD, Walt N6XG and Rob N7QT. <https://sorkney.com/>

**YN, NICARAGUA** John KB8RJ and Christina WD8KUR are active as YN5J and YN5CS from San Juan del Sur until March 18. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter.

**YS, EL SALVADOR** Andy DH8WR, Tom DJ6TF, Werner DJ9KH, Frank DL1KWK, Dietmar DL2HWA, Norbert DL2RNS, Georg DL4SVA, Olaf DL7JOM, Rolf DL7VEE and Franz DL9GFB are operating as HU1DL until February 13. This DX-pedition is possible with the help of YS1GMV, YS1AG, YS1MAE, YS1RS, YS1MS and team members of HU2DX (2012).

QRV with 3 stations non-stop from 160 to 17 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DL4SVA, Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

**ZC4, UK Sovereign Base Areas CYPRUS** Robert, G4WXJ is operating as ZC4RH until February 13. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and some FT8. QSL via home call.

**ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS** Look for K6AM, N6MJ, N6WIN and W9KKN as ZF1A from Grand Cayman during the ARRL DX CW contest (February 15-16). QSL via K6AM.

**ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS** Mike, DF8AN will be operating as ZF2AN from Grand Cayman between February 14 and February 23. Operation on HF using CW and RTTY. QSL via home call.

## Coming up soon

**5H, TANZANIA** Charles, NK8O will again be active from Zinga as 5H3DX together with Fred N8AX as 5H3AX. Operation between February 24 and March 21. QRV from 160 to 10 meter using CW and digi. While CW will be the primary mode, they may be found from time to time on FT8 and/or JS8-call. PSK-31 operation is also on the agenda. Operations will be 'holiday style' since there will be other goals and responsibilities for the trip. QSL via NK8O.

**C6, THE BAHAMAS** Gerhard, OE3GEA will be operating as C6AGE during February 20-25. Operation in 'holiday-style' using CW only. QSL via home call.

**C6, THE BAHAMAS** Mike, DF8AN will be operating as C6AAN after his ZF activation. QRV from February 23 until March. Operation on HF using CW and RTTY. QSL via home call.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Gildas F6HMQ and Michel F6GWV will once again be operating as FG/calls between February 23 and March 8. Activity on HF with an entry in the ARRL DX SSB contest as TO3Z.

### **J6, ST LUCIA**

**JD1, OGASAWARA** Masa, JH1HHC will be operating as JD1BPH from Chichijima. QRV from February 25 until March 5. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

**JD1, OGASAWARA** Take, JA1UII will be operating as JD1BON from Chichijima. QRV from February 25 until March 5. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

**TI, COSTA RICA** Mike W1USN and Robert AA1M will be active as TI5/calls from February 20 until March 4. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via homecalls, LoTW. They hope to run some FM satellites also.

**V4, ST KITTS** John, W5JON will once again be active as V47JA from February 21 until March 5. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct and LoTW.

**VK9N, NORFOLK ISLAND** Will, AA4NC and Ron AA4VK will be active as VK9NR in 'holiday-style' during February 20-25. Operation on HF. QSL via EA5GL.



## **On the scene**

**E44CC Palestine DXpedition by the F6KOP team**



## **IOTA**

### **This week on HF**

#### **AFRICA**

**AF-063 Pemba Isl** Members of the Low Bands Contest Club are operating as 5H4WZ until February 18, 2020. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. An entry in the ARRL DX CW and CQ WPX RTTY contests is included. QSL via OM3PA.

<http://om7m.org/dxpeditions/pemba/>

#### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-008 Ellesmere Isl** Once again, Alex VE1RUS and Pierre VE3TKB are active as VY0ERC until March 28. Operation on 40 and 20 meter using CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY, 80 meter might be possible. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS and LoTW.

**NA-057 Roatan Isl** Look for W1UE as HR9/call until February 28. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included as HQ9X. QSL via KQ1F.

**NA-057 Roatan Isl** Dave, VE3VSM is once again active as call/HR9 until February 23. Operation from 20 to 15 meter using mainly CW. QSL via home call and LoTW.

**NA-134 Aasiaat Isl** Bo, OZ1DJJ will be active again during his spare time as OX3LX starting on February 13 for a couple of weeks. He might also take a side trip to Disko Island (NA-134) for 1-2 days. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW, or via home call.

**NA-141 Hutchinson Isl** Rick, N1DC is active in 'holiday-style' until February 25. QRV on 40, 30 and 20 meter using CW, FT8 and SSB. QSL via home call and LoTW.

**NA-153 Perez Isl** A team with XE1SPM, XE1AY, XE1SRD and XE1SY is operating as 6F3A until February 17. This is a very rare IOTA. Operation on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 12 meter with 3 stations running CW, FT8 (F/H) and some SSB. QSL via XE1SY.

**NA-199 Tintamarre Isl** Mike VE7ACN is operating as FS/RW0CN from Saint Martin and as FS/VE7ACN until February 16. Operation from 80 to 10 meter, maybe 160 also. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included.

## **SOUTH AMERICA**

**SA-018 Chiloe Isl** Operators from the Radio Club Melipulli will be QRV as XR7FPC from the lighthouse on February 15-16. Operation on HF using SSB and digi. QSL via CE7RCM direct.

## **Coming up soon**

### **OCEANIA**

**OC-145 Widi Isl** A team with YB8RW, YE8XBN, YE8XW and YF8XAT will be operating as 7I8X from February 21 until February 29. Operation on HF. QSL via operators instructions.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Announced DX**

#### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**7Q, MALAWI** Pista, HA5AO will be operating as 7Q7AO during the second half of September/begin October. Dates TBA. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, RTTY, FT8 and some SSB. <https://www.ha5ao.com/index.php/news>

**8Q, MALDIVES** Noel, F6BGC will be operating as 8Q7NC from Veligandu Island between March 12 and March 21. Activity in 'holiday-style' on HF using CW, SSB and data. <https://www.qrz.com/db/8Q7NC>

**H4, SOLOMON ISL** Will AA4NC and Ron AA4VK will be QRV as H44NC and H44VK between March 1 and March 3. Operation on HF in 'holiday-style'. QSL via EA5GL.

**J6, ST LUCIA** Steven, NY3B will be QRV as J68SS from March 4 until March 11. An entry in the ARRL DX SSB contest is included. QSL via LoTW.

**P2, PAPUA NEW GUINEA** Will AA4NC and Ron AA4VK will be operating as P29NC and P29VK between February 28 and March 1. Activity on HF using CW, FT8 and SSB in 'holiday-style'. QSL via EA5GL.

**PY0F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA** Stephano will be active as PY0F during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 7-8). QSL via PY7RP.

**VP2M, MONTERRAT** Charlie, K1XX will again be operating as VP2MMF during the ARRL DX SSB contest (March 7-8), operation before and after the contest. QSL via KU9C, LoTW.

**VU4, ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISL** Team VU4R will be operating from Neil Island during the CQWW WPX SSB contest (March 28-29). Before and after the contest the focus will be on 160, 80 and 40 meter. QSL via VU2RS direct, LoTW.

**ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS** Pete, K8PGJ will once again be QRV as ZF2PG between March 25 and March 30. Activity from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via home call, LoTW.

#### **THE REMINDERS**

**3B9, RODRIGUES ISLAND** David, F8AAN will be operating as 3B9/call or as 3B9AN between March 9 and March 18. Operation from 160 to 15 meter using CW. QSL via home call, Club Log.

**3D2, FIJI** Will, AA4NC will be active as 3D2AA during the ARRL DX SSB contest (March 7-8). QSL via EA5GL.

**4W, TIMOR LESTE** The Lagunaria DX Group is planning a large scale DXpedition to Timor-Leste (4W) in October / November 2020. We currently have one team member in Timor-Leste negotiating with different ministries, companies and accommodation facilities. Right now we have positive feedback from all. We even already have a confirmed reservation for two close by lodges to have enough space to host up to 10 stations. 18 operators will be ready to hand out this entity to the world. Serious participation in both CQWW contests included! <http://timor-leste-dx.de/>

**8Q, MALDIVES** Kasimir, DL2SBY will be active as 8Q7KB between May 4 and May 12. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW and Club Log OQRS.

**9J, ZAMBIA** The Z2LA and 7P8LB team are planning a next trip from March 5 until March 15. Look for the team as 9J2LA. They will focus on CW and FT8 for the low bands and CW, SSB and FT8 for the higher bands. QSL via M0OXO. <http://9j2la.com/>

**A2, BOTSWANA** David, VE7VR will be QRV as A25VR in 'holiday-style' between May 1 and May 22. Activity from 40 to 20 meter using low power. QSL via home call.

**CE0Y, EASTER ISLAND** Mike, VE7ACN will be operating as CE0Y/call from March 19 until March 30. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

**CY0, SABLE ISL** Permission for a DXpedition has been authorized for fall 2020. The team: WA2DAN, N2IEN, K5DHY, K5YY, K4UEE, WW2DX, AA4NC, N8AA, N2TU.

<http://cy0dxpedition.net/index.html>

**FJ, ST BARTHELEMY** Ismo OH2IS will be active as FJ/call between April 1-7. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

**FJ, ST BARTHELEMY** Col, MM0NDX will once again be active as FJ/call or FJ/OJ0Y or both during early May. More to follow.

**FM, MARTINIQUE** Miguel, EA1BP will be QRV as TO7BP (CW WPX SSB contest) and as FM/call (before and after the contest) around March 28. Operation on HF. QSL for both calls via home call, bureau.

**FM, MARTINIQUE** Al, F5VHJ will be QRV as TO5A during the ARRL DX SSB contest (March 7-8). QSL via LoTW, OQRS.

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** A Canadian and American group of operators will be operating as TO5T between August 10 and August 17. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via WB2REM, OQRS Club Log and LoTW.

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Eric, KV1J will once again be active as FP/call between June 30 and July 14. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**HH, HAITI** DX-World has learned that a 3-4 man team will be QRV from the northern part of Haiti and one of the coastal islands (NA-149) during early May 2020. More to follow.

**J2, DJIBOUTI** A team with DJ6TF, DK1BT, DL4WK, DL6SAK, DL7BO, DL7DF, DL7UFR and SP3DOI between March 4 and March 16. Callsign is pending. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. <http://www.dl7df.com/j2/>

**J8, GRENADINES** Brian, GW4DVB will once again be active as J88PI from April 6 until April 14. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using mainly SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

**J8, GRENADINES** Oleh, UR5BCP will be operating as J8/call from May 20 until May 27. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT4/8. QSL via KD7WPJ.

**KH4, MIDWAY ISL** Ron, KH6DV announces a trip to Midway in October 2020 for about 2 weeks. Midway Atoll is #14 on the Clublog most wanted list and has not been active for some time. The aircraft used for the logistics flights has been downsized and visitors are no longer allowed to fly to the island. Operators interested in joining the expedition should be prepared to undertake a 6.75 day ocean voyage. The vessel DXpedition veteran A/S Machias can be seen on my QRZ page KH6DV. The vessel will provide all power (2 x 27KW generators and air conditioned sleeping, operating and galley areas.) More to follow.

**KH8, SWAINS ISLAND** A large team will be operating as W8S between March 10 and March 25. Activity on all bands using CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY with 4 stations from 2 different sites. <https://swains2020.ildxt.eu/>

**OY, FAROE ISLANDS** Torsten DL4APJ and Udo DL2AQI will be operating as OY/calls from September 15 until September 23. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via homecalls, bureau and LoTW.

**P4, ARUBA** Bill N4IQ and Bob ND7J will be operating as P4/call between July 15-22. An entry in the IARU contest as P40US is included (July 11-12). <http://p4aruba.com/>

**PJ4, BONAIRE** Rich, M5RIC will be operating as PJ4/call from September 22 until September 29. An entry in the CQWW RTTY is included as PJ4CC. QSL via M0OXO.



**PJ4, BONAIRE** Phil, N2HX will be QRV as PJ4/call between March 1 and March 15. An entry in the ARRL SSB DX contest is included (March 7-8). Outside the contest QRV using SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via home call.

**T30, WEST KIRIBATI** Look for Alex 5B4ALX as T30ET from March 18 until April 7 from Tarawa. Activity on all bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Alex will operate FT8 using a multi answer protocol (not to be confused with the Fox & Hound mode), with a focus on 20m during his day and 40m during his night (7-17 UTC). QSL via Club Log OQRS (preferred), LoTW, or via IZ4AMS. <http://www.5b4alx.cloud/>

**T8, PALAU** Look for JM1LIG/T88FM, JA6UBY/T88RR and JO3LVG/T88MK between September 12 and September 21. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi.

**TF, ICELAND** Mek SP7VC and Kasia SQ7OYL will be travelling by camper around Iceland from July 24 until August 13. They are happy to announce that Iceland is their 100<sup>th</sup> travelled to DXCC! Their trip passes through many locators and are planning activity on 50, 70, 144 MHz via MS, ES, EME. They will use modes: SSB, FT8, MSK144, JT65A. They are also planning to activate about 7 Lighthouses and 7 rare TF-Flora and Fauna nature reserves on the HF bands. <https://iceland2k20.blogspot.com/>

**TT, CHAD** The Italian DXpedition Team will be active as TT8RR (CW, SSB and RTTY) and as TT8XX (FT8) during mid-2020 from Ndjamena. More to follow.

**TU, IVORY COAST** TU2R will be active from March 23 until April 3 with an entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest. Operation with 3 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via ON1DX direct or bureau, LoTW, OQRS Club Log.

<https://tu2r.wordpress.com/>

**V2, ANTIGUA** Flavio, IW2NEF will be operating as V26FP between March 6-13. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via IK2DUW, LoTW.

**V3, BELIZE** Iain, G4SGX will once again be QRV as V31GX during the 2020 BERU contest (March 14-15). Operation mostly on top band after the contest. QSL via LoTW.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS** Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from the north shore of Anegada during June 17-24. Activity on 6 meter. QSL via home call.

**VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS** John AF3K and Ross W2TT will be operating from Providenciales Island between March 26 and April 2 as VP5/calls. An entry in the CQWW WPX SSB contest is included as VP5P. QSL via N2OO.

**YJ, VANUATU** Dates to be confirmed but Will, AA4NC will be operating from Port Villa as YJ0NC somewhere during March. Operation in 'holiday-style' on HF.

**YJ, VANUATU** Continuing their Pacific journey, look for Will AA4NC and Ron AA4VK to be active from Vanuatu as YJ0NC during March 3-6. QRV on HF bands. QSL via EA5GL.

**Z6, KOSOVO** A German team will be operating as Z66DX between October 9 and October 28. Dates may slightly change. Operation with 2 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. More to follow.

**Z6, KOSOVO** The Amateur Radio Society of Kosovo, SHRAK, is proud to announce a youth activity in the CQ WPX contest (March 28-29). The youth of Kosovo and Turkey will join to work together and ultimately activate two station as Z66Y. The operators are Ahmet Bucko, Z63CAB, Donjeta Berisha, Z63DBB, Dardan Bojniku, Z63DBM, Furkan Ozen, TA7AOF and Golkem Cagri Zivali, TA7AZC; all about 20-years of age. The team is supported in Pristina by Fehmi, Z62FB and Tefvik, TA1HZ. QSL via Z62FB, LoTW.

**ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS** Look for K6AM, K6JO and N6WIN as ZF1A during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 7-8). QSL via K6AM.

**ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS** Frank, KK5XX will be operating as ZF2FD from Grand Cayman from June 10 until June 17. Activity on 80, 40 and 20 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

# **Announced IOTA**

## **THE NEWCOMERS**

### **SOUTH AMERICA**

#### **SA-032 Wellington Isl**

#### **SA-091 Riesco Isl**

Vasily R7AL, Vlad RK8A, Leo RW9JZ, Igor UA3EDQ and Slav OK8AU will be active as XR8RRC from Villa Puerto Eden on March 12-16. QRV on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 meter using CW, SSB and FT8 (F/H). Depending on local conditions also as XR8RRC/p from Riesco Island for up to 48 hours between March 19-21. QSL via Club Log OQRS (preferred) QSL direct request to EU7A (maildrop: Andrey N. Teterukov, P.O. Box 13, 212030 Mogilev-30, Belarus). <https://rv6ali.wixsite.com/patagonia2020>

## **THE REMINDERS**

### **ASIA**

**AS-068 Rastorguyeva Isl** A team with Igor UA9KDF as team leader will be active as RI0B sometime mid-March. Dates depend on the weather.

**AS-206 Sado Isl** Take, JA8COE will be operating as JA8COE/0 during March 19-22. Operation on HF using CW, FT8 and SSB. Focus on EU and low power NA. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS.

**AS-207 Kosa Dvukh Pilotov Isl** A Russian Robinson team led by UA3AKO will be active as R207NEW sometime spring 2020. More to follow.

### **EUROPE**

**EU-105 Ile de Batz** Christophe F4ELI, Andre F4ELK, Stephane F5UOW, Derek F5VCR, Didier F6DXE and Jean-Pierre ON7ZM will be operating as TM5IB between May 16 and May 23. QRV on HF using SSB, CW and FT8. QSL via ON7ZM.

**EU-111 Monach Isles** G0VJG, G2NF, G4TSH, GM0WED, G4FAL and G0FDZ will be active as MM8C during the RSGB IOTA contest (July 25-26). QRV outwith contest as GM3RCV.

### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-039 Adak Isl** Yuri, N3QQ will be active as KL7RRC from Adak and perhaps another rare IOTA between June 6 and June 20, 2020. QSL via N7RO. <https://www.na-234.com/>

**NA-249 Culebra Isl** The KP3RE team is returning during February 21-23, 2020. QSL via EA5GL.

### **OCEANIA**

**OC-092 Calayan Isl** Jacek, SP5APW will be active as DU2/call during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of April 2020. Operation on HF using SSB, FT8/4.

**OC-139 Kangaroo Isl** Kangaroo Island, the largest island in the OC-139 group, will be activated by a small group of amateurs from Adelaide between July 22-28 from Emu Bay on the north coast of the island. This coincides with the IOTA Contest in 2020. The plans at this stage include operating on all bands from 160-10m, including as a Multi-2 station during the contest. Outside of the contest expect to see VK5KI on all HF bands and modes. <https://vk5gr-iota.net/2020-vk5ki-oc-139/2400/>

## **Antarctic Bases**

**Neumayer III Station** Felix, DL5XL is once again active from Antarctica using callsign DP1POL. Activity during February on HF bands, mainly in CW when time permits. QSL via DL1ZBO, LoTW.

**Vostok Base** Alexei, RN1ON informs that RI1ANC is active from Vostok station. QRV mainly in FT8 with some CW & SSB. QSL via RN1ON.

**Wolf's Fang Camp** Oleg, UA1PBA is operating when time permits as ZS7ANF. QSL via RK1PWA. <http://www.waponline.it/zs7ant-a-new-antarctic-season-by-oleg-sakharov/>

## **Special calls**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** The special event station **PA750V** commemorates Operation Veritable (February and March 1945). QRV on February 14-16 from Gennep. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

### **THE REMINDERS**

**5B, CYPRUS** Amateur radio operators in Cyprus celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their Cyprus Amateur Radio Society (CARS) during 2020 as **prefix 5B60** (e.g. 5B4AIX turns into 5B60AIX). For QSL information see qrz.com.

**9K, KUWAIT** Look for **9K59NLD** during February to mark Kuwait's 59<sup>th</sup> National Day and Liberation Day (Feb 25-26). QSL via 9K2RA.

**CO, CUBA** Operators of the Ham Radio Club Manuel Alvarez are celebrating the centenary of the first radio station founded in 1920 by Manuel Alvarez. Operation as **T46W** on February 28, 29 and March 1; April 24, 25 and 26; June 26, 27 and 28; August 21, 22 and 23. QSL via LoTW.

**DL, GERMANY DL250BEETH** (special DOK 250LVB) joins the celebration of Ludwig van Beethoven's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday until the end of the year. QSL via DJ6SI direct or bureau. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** The special event station **DA2025C** (special DOK 2025CH) supports the bid of Chemnitz to become the European Capital of Culture in 2025. QRV until the end of January 2021. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** The special event callsign **DL35SDR** (special DOK 35SDR) draws attention during 2020 to the rapid development of SDR technology during the past 35 years. It also recognises the achievements of Prof. Ulrich L. Rohde (DJ2LR) in that field. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY DA0DOM** (special DOK 500DOM) draws attention to the completion of the cathedral in Magdeburg in 1520. QRV during 2020 from 160 to 13 cm using CW, SSB, digital modes and FM. QSL via bureau, DL8CWA (d), LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** The special event station **DQ100SL** (special DOK 100SL) draws attention to the Treaty of Versailles, which instituted the Saargebiet or Saarland as a geographical and political entity. QRV until end March. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** Celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club (the German IARU society), special calls **DF70DARC** and **DP70DARC** are on air during 2020. QSL via bureau, LoTW or direct to DK5DC; logsearch on Club Log. <http://www.70darc.club/> (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** Yannick, DK1YH and others are active as **DL30GER** during 2020 to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the German reunification process. QSL via the bureau or direct via DK1YH. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** Special call **DL100BKW** is active throughout 2020 to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first broadcast transmission from the Radio Station Koenigs Wusterhausen (22 December 1920), which is regarded as the birth of statutorily regulated broadcasting in Germany. QSL via Club Log OQRS. A certificate will be available, see qrz.com for information. (TNX DXNL)

**F, FRANCE** The radio club at the Percee du Bocage Museum (F4KKE) will operate CW, SSB and FT8 as **TM80CDG** on 6-20 June to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "Appeal of 18 June" made by Charles de Gaulle from the BBC in London. QSL via F4KKE (bureau) and LoTW. Often regarded as the origin of the French Resistance against the occupation during World War II, the appeal is one of the most remarkable pieces in the history of radio broadcasting, and as such it has been inscribed to the UNESCO's Memory of the World Register. (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE** Look for special event station **TM17AAW** on air until February 17. Activity is to celebrate the 17th Antarctic Activity Week. All info on this event on <https://www.qrz.com/db/TM17AAW>

Operation will be made by François F8DVD from his Qth of Mâcon in the east part of France, 60 km North of Lyon (JN26JH).

The new reference for WAP program is WAP-302.

QSL via F8DVD, direct (SAE + 2 USD) or via buro. All Qso will be uploaded to LOTW.

**G, ENGLAND** Celebrating the British Amateur Radio Teledata Group's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, special call **GB60ATG** is used from the various DXCC Entities in the United Kingdom until end June 2020. QSL via M0OXO. Complete information on the event and the BARTG Diamond Jubilee Award can be found on <http://bartg.org.uk/wp/> (TNX 425DX)

**HB9, SWITZERLAND** **HB40HTC** and **HB40HC** are QRV for the Helvetia Telegraphy Club that is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020. QSL via bureau and LoTW. A special activity programme - the HB Open CW Activity (HB-OCWA) Award - will be in place throughout the year to mark the anniversary, help activate the special call signs and also "inspire amateur radio operators in Switzerland and elsewhere to increase CW activity on the HF bands. The intent of the award is to encourage and reward them for conducting sustained CW conversations rather than short-duration CW signal reports". <https://hb-ocwa.ch/>

**I, ITALY** Members of the 4U1GSC Amateur Radio Club is active as **4U25B** until end August. It draws attention to the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations Logistics Base in Brindisi. QSL via 9A2AA direct or bureau. (TNX DXNL)

**I, ITALY** ARI Fidenza will use a series of special calls during 2020 to commemorate 12 major events and achievements in Guglielmo Marconi's life:

February: **II4MLB** First radio broadcast of a musical performance: Dame Nellie Melba's song recital (1920)

March: **II4MCY** Foundation of the first "Marconi Company" (1897)

April: **II4FTX** First transatlantic radio signals transmission (1901)

May: **II4TEA** First radio message between the United States and the United Kingdom (1903)

June: **II4REP** Rescue of the ocean liner "Republic" (1909)

July: **II4NBL** Marconi is awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics (1909)

August: **II4CLT** Inauguration of the radio station at Coltano (1911)

September: **II4PTN** Marconi applies for his first patent (1896)

October: **II4LGH** Marconi switches on the lights at Sydney Town Hall from Genoa via wireless transmission (1930)

November: **II4RVT** Inauguration of Vatican Radio (1931)

December: **II4MDY** Marconi Day at Chicago World's Fair (1933)

QSL via IQ4FE, bureau or direct. See <http://arifidenza.hamlogs.net/> for the award and more info.

**JA, JAPAN** Members of the JARL Okinawa Branch are supporting the reconstruction of Shuri Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage building which burned down on Oct. 31 2019, with the special event station **8N6SHURI** during 2020. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

**LX, LUXEMBOURG** **LX20I** is the special call for the LX7I contest station in Eschdorf, Luxembourg to celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It will be used for most contests in 2020, starting a single-operator entry in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest (24-26 January). QSL via LX2A. A special LX20I Award will be available. <http://lx7i.com/lx20i/>

**OE, AUSTRIA** Wolfgang, OE1WWL is celebrating his golden jubilee in amateur radio during 2020 as **OE1970WWL**. An entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB contest is included (March 28-29) as OE0WWL. QSL via home call, bureau and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

**OK, CZECH REPUBLIC** OK4RQ, OK1VP, OK1AY, OK1DOL, OK6DJ and OK1IWS will be active throughout 2020 with the special event call sign **OL725PLZ** to mark the founding of Plzen 725 years ago. An award is available as well. QSL via Club Log OQRS or OK1DRQ direct. (TNX DXNL)

**OX, GREENLAND** All people in the Danish Kingdom are going to celebrate the 80th birthday of H.M. The Queen on April 16, 2020 and so will the Danish amateur radio association EDR. In collaboration with the Greenlandic radio amateurs, we are organizing

an event where many stations in the two entities will be active on all bands using the special callsigns **OX8ØHM** and **OZ8ØHM**. You will be able to obtain a special royal award on this day by contacting the different stations. Award rules will appear soon. The event will be throughout the day on April 16.

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS PA75LIMBURG** commemorates the liberation of the province Limburg 75 years ago. QRV until March 2020. QSL via Club Log OQRS, PC8DB direct or bureau. (TNX 425DX).

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** Special station **PA75VERON** is active during 2020 to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vereniging voor Experimenteel Radio Onderzoek in Nederland. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using FT8. QSL via LoTW only.

**PY, BRAZIL** Celebrating the 86<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Liga de Amadores Brasileiros de Radio Emissao (LABRE, Brazil's national IARU society), special call **ZW86LABRE** is active until end March. QSL via PY2KP. (TNX 425DX)

**SP, POLAND** Special calls **3Z90PZK**, **HF90PZK**, **SN90PZK** and **SP90PZK** are QRV during 2020 to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Polish Amateur Radio Union (PZK, Poland's IARU Society). Active during the same period are also **HF90TPAR**, **HF90TPBB**, **HF90TPBF**, **HF90TPBG**, **HF90TPCF** and **HF90TPCG**, whose suffixes memorialize the callsigns of the founding members of the Lwowski Klub Krotkofalowcow, the first amateur radio club in Poland and forefather of PZK. QSL via operator's instructions. (TNX 425DX)

**UA, RUSSIA** The Russian Robinson Club is active as **R200ANT** until end March to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the discovery of Antarctica. QSL via RZ3EC. The first confirmed sighting of mainland Antarctica (27 January 1820) is attributed to the Russian expedition led by Fabian Gottlieb von Bellingshausen and Mikhail Lazarev, who discovered an ice shelf at Princess Martha Coast that later became known as the Fimbul Ice Shelf.

**V6, MICRONESIA** Hari, JA1XGI will be active as **V6TOPG2020** to commemorate the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games 2020 held during July-September.

QRV from the following States:-

- Ponape — June
- Chuuk — July
- Yap — August
- Kosrae — September

**XE, MEXICO** The DXXE group celebrates their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary during 2020 with the special event callsign **4A15DXXE** on HF. Members are also planning operations with special callsigns from other countries. QSL via LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

**YU, SERBIA** Look for **YT50SCWC** by the Serbian CW Club to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Operation during 2020. QSL via YU1MM, direct or bureau, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

**ZS, SOUTH AFRICA** Look for **ZS95SARL** during 2020. This to celebrate the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the South African Radio League, founded in May 1925 as South African Radio Relay League. QRV on HF, VHF, UHF and via satellites. QSL via bureau.